

# **BIOGRAPHY**

# UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

375th Airlift Wing, Public Affairs Office, Scott AFB, IL 62225-5004

#### COLONEL RAYMOND J. ROTTMAN

Colonel Raymond J. Rottman is Commander, 375th Airlift Wing, Air Mobility Command's Showcase Wing, Scott Air Force Base, Ill. The wing makes Global Mobility Happen worldwide in partnership with U.S. Transportation Command and Air Mobility Command, both headquartered here. The wing provides Operational Support Airlift throughout the continental United States with a fleet of 50 C-21 aircraft, located at Scott and at three different geographically separated units. The wing's motto, "Help From Above," signifies the critical capability provided by the unit's aeromedical evacuation forces. The 375th Airlift Wing also makes "Global Mobility Happen" by deploying to expeditionary locations worldwide to provide aeromedical evacuation capability for joint military casualties, combat lift for the combatant commander's highest priority-people and cargo, and expeditionary combat support forces to protect United States' national interests wherever needed.



Colonel Rottman was commissioned via Officer Training School in 1982. His career includes a variety of operational and staff

positions to include commander, 349th Air Refueling Squadron, McConnell Air Force Base, Kan. He served as the executive officer to the vice commander of United States Air Forces in Europe as well as speechwriter for the chief of staff of the Air Force. The colonel is a graduate of all levels of professional military education to include the Naval War College.

## **EDUCATION:**

1981 Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, Colorado State University, Colo.

**1984** Squadron Officer School (correspondence)

1987 Master's of Industrial Technology, East Texas State University, Texas

**1996** Air Command and Staff College (seminar)

2000 Masters degree in National Security and Strategic Studies, Naval War College, R.I.

#### **ASSIGNMENTS:**

- 1. November 1982 June 1983, Student, Navigator Training, Mather Air Force Base, Calif.
- 2. June 1983 December 1983, KC-135 Combat Crew Training School, Castle Air Force Base, Calif.
- 3. August 1983 May 1989, Navigator; Instructor and Evaluator, KC-135A, 7th Air Refueling Squadron, Carswell Air Force Base, Texas
- **4. May 1989 May 1992**, Scheduler; Course Director and Executive Officer, T-43, 50th Airmanship Training Squadron, United States Air Force Academy, Colo.
- **5.** May 1992 May 1994, Flight Commander; Chief of Training and Standardization/Evaluation, KC-135A/R, 906th Air Refueling Squadron, Minot Air Force Base, N.D.
- **6. May 1994 May 1997**, Chief, Special Basing; Director, Command Action Division; executive officer to the vice commander, Headquarters, United States Air Forces Europe, Ramstein Air Base, Germany

- 7. May 1997 July 1999, Mobility Officer; Operations Officer; Commander, KC-135R, 349th Air Refueling Squadron, McConnell Air Force Base, Kan.
- 8. July 1999 July 2000, student, Naval War College, Newport, R.I.
- **9. July 2000 July 2003**, Country Director; Chief of Staff of the Air Force, speech writer; deputy director, Secretary of the Air Force/Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Action Group, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
- 10. July 2003 December 2004, Commander, 19th Air Refueling Group, Robins Air Force Base, Ga.
- 11. January 2005 present, Commander, 375th Airlift Wing, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

#### FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Master Navigator Hours Flown: 2,500

Aircraft Flown: KC-135A/R, T-43

#### MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Bronze Star Legion of Merit Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters Aerial Achievement Medal Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster Air Force Achievement Medal

### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTIONS:**

Second Lieutenant November 4, 1982 First Lieutenant November 4, 1984 Captain November 4, 1986 Major October 1, 1994 Lieutenant Colonel September 1, 1998 Colonel July 1, 2003

(Current as of August 2005)